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## Envision Littleton Speaker Series

On February 27, the city hosted the first in a four-part speaker series to kick-off Envision Littleton efforts in 2019. Envision Littleton is the city's comprehensive plan initiative.

Attended by more than 80 community members, the speaker series was designed to complement the robust community engagement that citizens have come to expect with Envision Littleton.

In 2018, Envision Littleton engaged more than 5,500 people to shape the unifying vision and guiding principles unanimously adopted by city council on December 18, 2018.

"The response to adding this type of programming has been tremendous," said City Manager Mark Relph during his welcome remarks, "with the event filling up in just a couple of days." Speaker Series #1 was a chance to compare and contrast key data points for the city with the greater region and state with expert Chris Akers, economist for the State Demography Office.

The most heartwarming moment of the night was a guest storyteller. Aubrey Weaver, a sophomore at Heritage High School, has spent, "all 15 years of her life here in Littleton." Weaver's story was accompanied by photos and memories from some of the most iconic Littleton events and gatherings. Weaver's story was broadcast on Facebook Live and continues to be posted on the city's Facebook page.

Weaver closed her remarks by adding, "I know wherever college or life may take me that Littleton will always be here with the same energy and good people that have always been here. I wouldn't trade my memories of life here in Littleton for anything in the world."

Attendees also tested their knowledge of Littleton with a short quiz about key data that described the people, environment, jobs, and transportation in Littleton. Participants voted using colored cards. This same trivia will be featured as part of Envision's social media engagement over the next few months so that more people will have the chance to test their knowledge of the city.

Envision Littleton concluded phase one in mid-March so Speaker Series #1 was an opportunity to think broadly about the people, jobs, economy, and overall trends with Akers.

It is a best practice to start long-range planning with an overview of the community based on demographic, household, and employment information. This helps a city see the past and present to understand the changes taking place and understand if there are any trends.

In covering the big picture, Akers said, "If you think about it, Littleton is right in the heart of the growth we've seen in Colorado." The entire powerpoint presentation is available at [envisionlittleton.org](http://envisionlittleton.org) and the recorded program is available on the city's youtube channel as well as channel 8.

The next in the speaker series will be April 19, 7-9 a.m. at the Littleton Museum with expert Darin Atteberry, city manager of Fort Collins, Colorado. Atteberry's career in local government has been defined by excellence, innovation, taking organizations to the next level, and making sustainable improvements to the communities he has served. Under his leadership, Fort Collins is only the third municipality to receive the prestigious Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award.

More information is available at [envisionlittleton.org](http://envisionlittleton.org).

## City Council Identifies Goals and Objectives for 2019

The Littleton City Council's annual retreat provided an opportunity to establish goals and objectives for 2019 and review progress on its 2018 imperatives. The topics included:

- Confirming the goals and objectives of the 2019 Envision Littleton Comprehensive Plan update
- Touring Downtown Golden with local leadership to view successful projects and learn how to develop a strategy to bolster Downtown Littleton
- Reviewing options and priorities for the River Corridor, Prince Street, Broadway Corridor, and implementation of the Belleview Corridor Vision
- The funding insufficiency in the Five-Year Capital Projects Plan and the inability to fund projects such as South Santa Fe Drive traffic improvements, city building maintenance, fleet replacement, and traffic signal improvements
- Strengthening relationships with the staff and each other

The retreat was led by David Marvin from the Confluence Leadership Group who has worked with many city, state, and federal government agencies. The city's leadership team attended to take stock and reflect on the prior year's accomplishments. These included:

- Completing the first year implementing Priority Based Budgeting
- Infrastructure projects such as street maintenance, and improving the Bowles/Federal intersection while evaluating grant options for a more complete project
- Creating a Transportation Mobility Board to evaluate opportunities and prioritize transportation and mobility projects
- Completing a Cost of Service Study and updating fees to help ensure development pays its own way
- Adopting the Envision Littleton 2040 Vision with unprecedented community input

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- Starting the Transportation Master Plan in conjunction with the Comprehensive Plan
- Clarification and improvement to 14 sections of the City Code
- Relationship building such as the Tri-Cities Homelessness Policy Group, Economic Development leading an education effort to explore a Downtown Development Authority or Business Improvement District, the Santa Fe Preliminary and Environmental Linkages Study with the Colorado Department of Transportation, and Bus Rapid Transit corridor planning with the Regional Transportation District
- Increasing strategic communications across all city platforms utilizing engagement tools that ensure all citizens have the opportunity to be heard on the multitude of initiatives underway
- Adopting the Bellevue Corridor Vision, the Mineral Light Rail Station Area Plan, and the Downtown Littleton Design Standards

- Starting a Juvenile Court
- Reaccreditation of the Littleton Police Department for the 5th time by the Commission Accrediting Law Enforcement Agencies
- Videotaping 95 percent of the sanitary and storm sewer lines to create an Asset Management Plan
- Approving a biogas project with the City of Englewood for the South Platte Water Renewal Partners treatment plant

In 2019, the Littleton City Council will review goals, objectives, and action steps at an upcoming study session. These will likely include Envision Littleton, with objectives such as the Comprehensive Plan, Transportation Master Plan, Sub-area Plans, and an Economic Plan. The second goal, Financial Sustainability, will likely include objectives around evaluation and prioritization of programs and services for efficient and effective use of resources, evaluation of fees and opportunities to match revenue to costs, prioritization of capital needs, and evaluation of funding opportunities. More information will be available as council refines its goals and objectives and establishes its work plan.

# The Future of Mineral Avenue and Santa Fe Drive

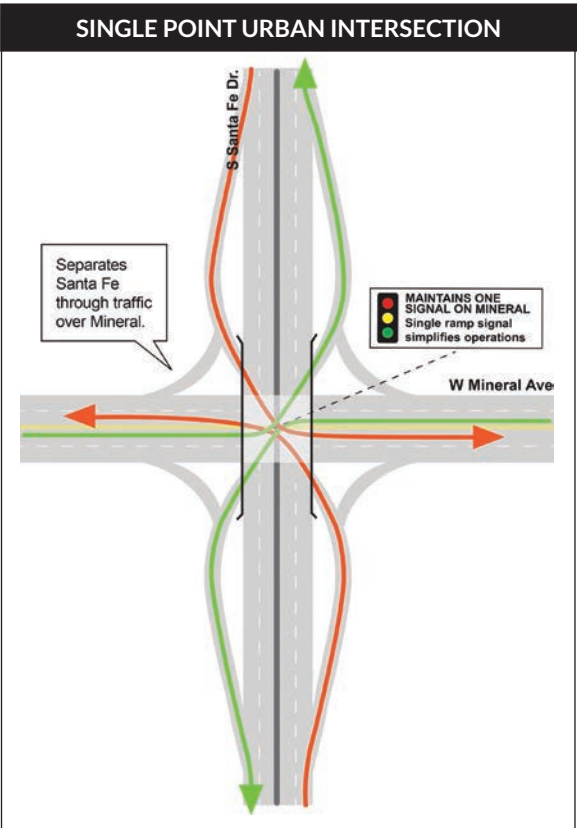
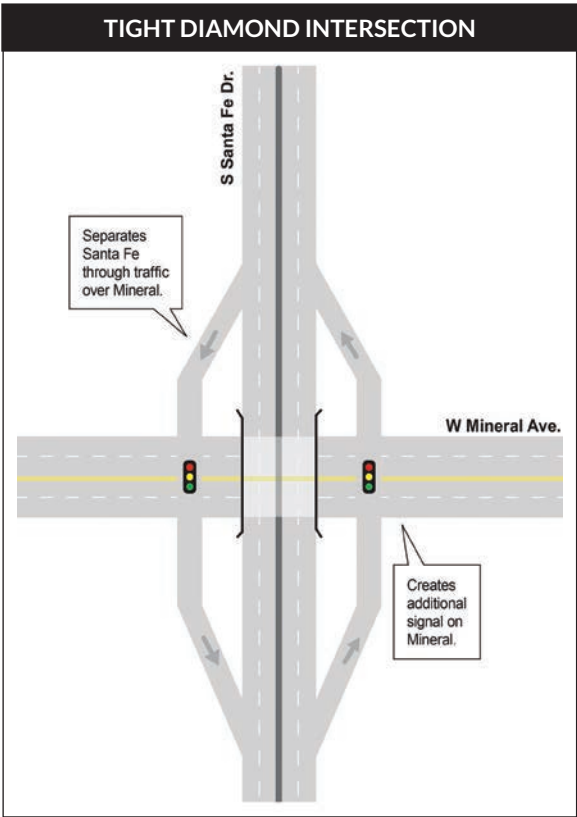
Anyone who ventures through the intersection of Mineral Avenue and Santa Fe Drive in the morning or afternoon rush hour knows that it is not ideal. More than 60,000 vehicles per day go through this intersection and it is only projected to grow as future development in Douglas County and southwest Littleton come out of the ground. The basic layout of the intersection has been in place for more than three decades with only small changes, while nearly 300,000 new residents have moved in around the south metro area.

Over the last 12 months, the city has led a charge to look at future options and costs for fixing this challenging location. Constraints on solutions are high including the RTD light rail station and parking, existing railroad lines, grade changes as roads approach the intersection, environmental concerns, and the South Platte River nearby. In order to gauge public sentiment, the city utilized consulting firm HDR to start public outreach and listen to ideas and alternatives from those that drive this intersection every day. HDR, in consultation with city staff, Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT), plus Arapahoe and Douglas Counties, developed a series of more than a dozen long-term solutions to remedy traffic loads today and accommodate future growth. Of these options, two rose to the surface as viable and within reasonable cost expectations. The first is a Tight Diamond Interchange, a common roadway feature; while the second is a Single Point Urban Interchange, similar to Bellevue and Santa Fe. Both of these solutions are estimated to cost \$90 million.

The capability to build the ultimate solution relies on an enduring partnership with all the cities and counties in the area and a host of federal funding via CDOT. The process to acquire the capital necessary for such a project is likely at least a decade away. All the partners along the Santa Fe corridor are moving toward planning future solutions when a Planning and Environmental Linkages study kicks off in the next year, developing a multi-year plan to upgrade and enhance Santa Fe Drive.

The city also looked to develop a model for an immediate fix to relieve congestion today and also prepare for the ultimate solution. The two models that rose to the top are an alternative that adds road loops in the southwest and northwest corners (Quad Roads) or a Continuous Flow Intersection that modifies how cars turn through the intersection opening up valuable cycle time with the traffic signals. The improvements would add over 50 percent capacity to the interchange with both costing between \$9 - \$15 million.

At this point funding for either the short or long-term solution is not in place and will take years to move forward. The city has submitted a competitive application with The Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG) as part of the Statewide Transportation Improvement Plan seeking funding for 80% of the immediate solution. The city will be competing with more than 100 projects submitted as part of the eight-county DRCOG region. The ranking process will be complete this summer and the city will know the amount of federal funding to be added to the project. The regional impacts of interchange improvements are clear and with support from cities around the region, the City of Littleton is hopeful to get the grant.



## Short Term Rentals

At its January 15 meeting, the Littleton City Council voted to oppose an ordinance that would have amended the city code regarding Short Term Rentals. The 3-4 vote on second reading means that the emergency moratorium on issuing new business and sales/use tax licenses for Short Term Rentals expired and there will be no new regulation of Short Term Rentals in Littleton at this time.

The vote follows over six months of discussion by city council, staff, and the planning commission; six study sessions, and numerous opportunities for citizen input. The proposed ordinance sought to balance what level of regulation the city should take regarding this relatively new lodging option, while balancing the interests of property owners, and ensuring the preservation of neighborhood character.

Since that time, a number of property owners representing various positions on the topic have come together to explore a solution that all can agree on. The city is monitoring their progress and providing technical assistance as requested.

It is estimated there are approximately 90 Short Term Rental units in the city. Property owners interested in having a Short Term Rental must obtain a sales and use tax license from the city, collect sales tax from customers and remit it to the city under the city tax code. Applications are available from the Finance Department. Short Term Rentals are an allowed use in all legal dwelling units and confirmation of residential zoning is part of the licensing process.

## Jennifer Henninger Joins Littleton Leadership Team

In January, Littleton City Manager Mark Relph announced the appointment of Jennifer Q. Henninger as Interim Director of Community Development.



Henninger has broad-based experience in both the public and private sectors in the profession of community planning. She joined RG and Associates in 2011 where she assisted small towns in Colorado in the areas of grant writing and administration, economic development, community engagement, and development review. She earned a master's in public administration from the University of Colorado at Denver and a bachelor of science in city and regional planning from Cornell University.

"Jennifer's expertise in municipal planning includes extensive work in writing and updating Comprehensive Plans for the towns of Kersey, Sheridan, Kremmling and Rio Grand County," Relph said. "She will be instrumental in leading the process this year to create and adopt a new Comprehensive Plan for Littleton," he added.

"There is so much happening in Littleton and I look forward to collaborating with the great staff and council to continue all the positive work ahead," Henninger said.

## Littleton One of Colorado's Top Places to Visit

Vacationidea.com selected Littleton as one of the 25 Best Places to Visit in Colorado. Here's what the site said:

"Only a few miles from Downtown Denver, Littleton is a historic suburb of Denver with its own charm and history. Its turn-of-the-century houses are witnesses of the rich history while cozy restaurants and bars are inviting and popular. The Main Street has a lineup of independently owned galleries and shops. The Littleton Museum tells the story of the town's past with its 19th century farm. Town Hall Arts Center presents community-run theater and music events. Littleton has more than 59 parks and two light rail stations with access to Downtown Denver. For outdoor enthusiasts, the Rockies are only a half hour away. South Platte Park and Carson Nature Center offer hiking trails and fishing lakes."



## 2019 Municipal Election

The City of Littleton will hold its general municipal election on November 5, 2019 with four city council seats available: District 2, District 4 and two council members elected at large. The at large candidate with the most votes will serve a four-year term. The second place at large candidate will serve a two-year term. Members of council select the mayor and mayor pro tem from among their members. The mayor and mayor pro tem serve in that capacity for a two-year term.

The city council may also submit other items for voter consideration. Littleton City Clerk Wendy Heffner will hold a potential candidate forum on June 27 from 6-7:30 p.m. at the Littleton Center in the Community Room, 2255 West Berry Avenue.

Littleton residents interested in running are encouraged to attend the forum or make an appointment with the city clerk's office after June 27 to discuss the process and qualifications for candidates. Attending this forum does not constitute an announcement to run for office.

## Bike Laws in Colorado

As spring approaches, more people are knocking the dust off their bikes and heading out for a ride. Bikes are often on the trails and sidewalks throughout the city, but cyclists also have the option to ride on the street just like a motor vehicle. As a driver, it can be a bit uncomfortable to share the roadway with a cyclist especially if the driver is not familiar with what is legal and safe.

In January, Bicycle Colorado, through a Road to Zero Grant, hosted a bicycle-friendly driving informational event for employees of the City of Littleton, Littleton Public Schools, and South Suburban Parks and Recreation District. This course helped attendees learn or brush up on the laws that govern how bikes can travel on streets and how motorists should interact with them. For example, in order to pass a cyclist riding in the road, drivers must give them three feet of clearance. Colorado law also says cyclists have the right to take an entire lane of traffic. More information on current cycling laws in Colorado can be found at: <https://www.bicyclecolorado.org/ride-colorado/rules-of-the-road/>.

Additionally, courses will be open to Littleton residents in April and May of 2019. Contact [sroberts@littletongov.org](mailto:sroberts@littletongov.org) or Bicycle Colorado for more information.



## Emergency Intersection Construction

Littleton's Public Works Department is working on an entire inspection of the traffic signal systems throughout the city. Crews performed immediate work to remove the signal at the intersection of Mineral Avenue and Polo Ridge Drive, after an inspection revealed severe corrosion at the base of a pole. A temporary, rectangular, rapid flashing beacon is being considered until a replacement pole can be manufactured which could take up to a year.

## Back to School to Develop a Different Approach to Police Work

For many, the idea of having a police officer in a high school or middle school may seem foreign; however since 1950 it has become commonplace with the creation of the School Resource Officer (SRO) program. The Littleton Police Department (LPD) has long had SROs, but in the past six years the program has grown. Initially it consisted of one roaming officer for the middle schools, and two officers assigned to high schools. The SRO program now includes a SRO for each middle and high school, and a corporal supervisor assigned to Options Secondary Program. This growth was made possible by a joint contribution from LPD and Littleton Public Schools who split the salary of the officers, the SRO vehicles, and uniforms.

With officers assigned full time to the school, a unique relationship is created between students and their SRO. "I love being an SRO because of the relationships that I build each day with students and staff members at Heritage High School (HHS). I watch parents drop off their kids each day entrusting me to protect them, and I do not take that trust for granted," said Officer Johnie Evans, the SRO for HHS. The SRO provides a first look for children to interact with law enforcement, while serving a significant role to the school as a liaison for the police department. Typically, the SRO does not issue citations and perform in an enforcement capacity, but rather assists with missing juvenile reports, safe to tell reports and maintaining a safe environment for the children.

The SROs at HHS and Littleton High School (LHS) can be found prior to the first bell in the front lobby interacting with faculty and students. SROs have a passion for the community they serve and were selected from several officers who applied for the position. They commit to a four-year term to create stability and consistency for the students, school and officers. The position entails not only a school year schedule, but also additional duties including dances, sporting events and other special activities.

LHS SRO Jason Gallardo organizes an Alive at 25 event for LHS seniors. Officers and LPD volunteers provide demonstrations and critical information regarding real world decisions that can help prepare students for their years following high school. These include interactive stations with scooters with drunk google defensive driving in the LPD ATV, and a K9 demonstration. This is just one of the many ways the Littleton Police Department SROs interact with and try to make a positive difference in the lives of their students.



## Senior Refund Program Returns for 2019

Since 1977, the Littleton City Council has annually renewed its Senior Refund Program, providing the city's senior residents with a refund.

The program is available to both renters and property owners. For property owners, the refund is based on the property's assessed valuation. Refund amounts range from \$10 to \$100. Refunds for renters range from \$10 to \$30.

The city council recently changed the definition of property "owner" for calculating the refund amount. If the property title was transferred to a trust or other legal entity for estate planning purposes, it may now be eligible for a property tax refund based on the property's assessed valuation.

Applicants must have been 65 years of age or older on or before December 31, 2018 and resided within the city limits of Littleton for the entire year of 2018.

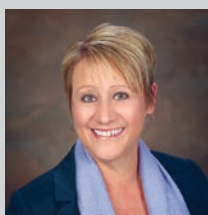
Applicants must complete both sides of the form and attach their paid property tax receipt and a copy of their driver's license or identification card. The form can be downloaded from the website with the required documentation attached and mailed to: City of Littleton Finance Office, 2255 West Berry Avenue, Littleton, CO 80120.

Forms will be mailed in March to those who received a refund for the prior year.

Newly eligible residents can pick up forms from the finance office the end of March.

The deadline for filing is October 31, 2019.

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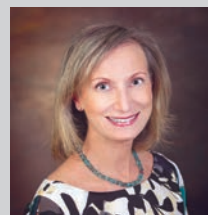
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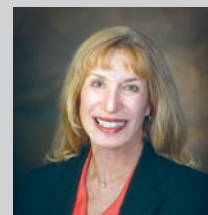
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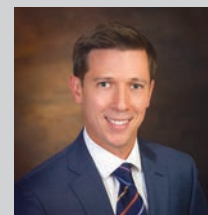
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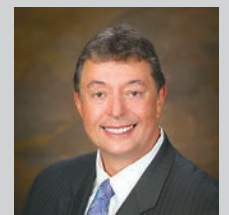
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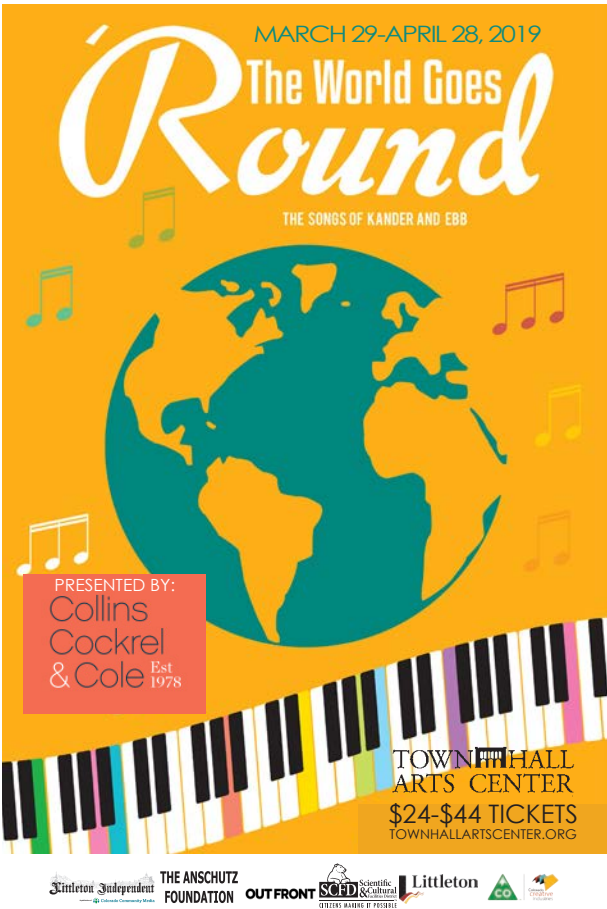
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## New Addition to Bega Park

City of Littleton crews installed a brand-new addition to Bega Park, a kangaroo. Littleton's sister city, Bega, Australia, gifted a kangaroo sculpture to commemorate the delegation's visit in August. The sculpture is made of rebar and stands just over four feet-tall, complete with a baby Joey in tow. A granite base is scheduled to be installed that will feature an engraved plaque that celebrates the longstanding friendship and partnership between the two cities.



### Memorial Day Observed

May 27th 2019

8 a.m.  
Veterans Circle  
in Littleton Cemetery

10 a.m.  
Littleton World War II Memorial  
in Ketring Park

*"By honoring our nation's war dead,  
we preserve their memory and thus  
their service and sacrifice."*

## Littleton Police Earn Recognition

On January 16, the Littleton Police Department (LPD) celebrated the achievements, bravery and heroic actions of several of its officers who were surrounded by family, friends, and colleagues at its annual awards ceremony. While 67 awards were presented, the focal point was the Medal of Valor. This is awarded to officers who show acts of extraordinary bravery or heroism performed in the line of duty at extreme, life-threatening, personal risk. From 1988 to 1999, it has been awarded only 15 times.

Corporal Paul Martens, Officer Stephen Pike, and Officer Horacio Borrego received the Medal of Valor for their actions while responding to a structure fire on November 17, 2018. The structure was engulfed in flames and Corporal Martens, and Officers Pike and Borrego, without consideration for their own safety, took life saving measures and entered the structure to evacuate people to safety.

Officer Stephen Keliiholokai and Corporal Jeff Farmer responded to the report of an attempted kidnapping with an armed suspect on May 9, 2018. Officer Keliiholokai and Corporal Farmer located the suspect and as he attempted to escape, rammed his car and confronted the armed suspect. Without regard for their own safety, they were able to rescue the hostage and take the suspect into custody without further incident. As a result, they too, were awarded the Medal of Valor.

Other awards presented were: life-saving medals, awards for tireless and thorough investigations, innovative ideas and community involvement.

The city is incredibly proud to have all of these outstanding officers and civilians working for the Littleton Police Department.



## Art Conservation Across Littleton

In January, several outdoor sculptures were removed from their long-time installation sites. These works are part of the City of Littleton's fine arts collection, and have been slated for conservation. The works will all be re-installed later this spring.

The most notable of the sculptures is Tommy Hicks' *Again*, which most residents may recognize as the large steel sculpture that resembles "PAC-MAN," located at the northwest corner of West Bowles Avenue and South Federal Boulevard, in Bowles Grove Park. The sculpture, installed in 1981, is made of CorTen steel, and is intended to rotate. Damage from water and ice inside the sculpture has caused the internal kinetic junction to break, making the work tilt off center. Conservation will include repair of failed welds, and restoration of the interior kinetic workings. Previous vandalism and graffiti will be sandblasted and repainted using the artist's original color scheme of yellow inside one cut-out wedge, and green inside the other.

The other sculptures, *Under a Watchful Eye*, and *Hanging Around*, both by Stephen LeBlanc, will be removed from their location along the Mary Carter Greenway Trail, near the entrance to The Hudson Gardens & Event Center. These two bronze works are being moved as Hudson Gardens prepares to expand and redesign the entrance. During this construction period, the sculptures will have new patina applied by the artist. *Hanging Around* was purchased by the Littleton Fine Arts Board, and installed in 1996. *Under a Watchful Eye* was installed in 2004. The bronze was purchased using funds from the Littleton Fine Arts Board, and a donation from Mary Bradford, in memory of her daughter, Wendy Carpenter Bowe.

All three works will be handled by Art Management & Planning Associates, Inc. The staff has extensive experience in de-installing, moving, conservation, and re-installation of large artworks, and is frequently contracted by other public arts agencies throughout the metro area.



## Historic Preservation Celebration

The public is invited to celebrate Historic Preservation Month at the Littleton Museum on Thursday, May 9 for the presentation of the 2019 Littleton Historic Preservation Awards. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. when refreshments will be served. This free program will be from 7:00-8:30 p.m. and will include the awards presentation and a performance of "The Seedy Side of Denver"- a peek into the early Denver area looking at the impacts and transformations of Denver's formative years.

The awards will be presented by members of the City of Littleton Historical Preservation Board and Historic Littleton, Inc.

## City Council Appointments to Boards and Commissions

Thirty-eight citizens were appointed March 5 to serve on ten established boards and commissions along with a new board recently approved by the Littleton City Council. The newly created Transportation Mobility Board has seven members and two alternates. They are: Kent Bagley, Jon Buck, Dan Flynn, Tom Grant, Tom Grushka, Tyler Hardy, Kelly Honecker and Alternates Geoff Selzer and Dan Radulovich.

- Other appointments include:
- Board of Adjustment – Tom Browning and Mike Madrid
  - Building Board of Appeals – Donna Flaherty, Ron Manske, and Alternates John Reins and Matt Treinen
  - Election Commission – David Eberhard
  - Fine Arts Board – Carol Ackerman, Carolyn Bradish, and Jessica Mahaffey
  - Historical Preservation Board – Kim Field, Amy Fischer, Laura Gabriel, Andy Hill, and Alternates Poppie Gullett and Lisa Houde
  - South Metro Housing Options – Audrey Ebbs and Kyle Henderson
  - Library Board – Tom Smith and Cecil Toby
  - Licensing Authority – Michael Aman, Tobin Follenweider, Tim LeVier, and Pete McClintock
  - Museum Board – Stephanie Saunders, Brittany Schoborg, and Karen Wojdyla
  - Planning Commission – David Bolt and Bruce Stahlman
- The Littleton City Council appreciates both new and long-term Board and Commission members in providing valuable insight into city programs and services that enrich the lives of all citizens.

## Earth Day Cleanup

Help take care of our river! In honor of Earth Day, there will be a significant cleanup event along the South Platte River through the cities of Littleton and Englewood on Saturday, April 27. There will be multiple stations for volunteers to meet and cleanup trash. Keep an eye on city social media and the website for more information and the sign-up link.





# CITY OF LITTLETON EVENTS *spring and summer*

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## APRIL

### 7 HAZEL MILLER IN CONCERT

Town Hall  
Arts Center  
7PM



### 13 SENIOR RESOURCE FAIR AT BEMIS LIBRARY

Bemis Library  
9AM—12PM



### 20 EASTER EGG HUNT

Friends of the Littleton  
Library & Museum  
Ketrang Park  
10AM



### 26 ANOTHER NIGHT IN BLACK & WHITE

Arapahoe Community  
College Fundraiser for  
Student Scholarships

The Barn at  
Raccoon Creek  
6:30PM—11:30PM



## MAY

### 3 FIRST FRIDAYS ART & WINE WALK

Downtown Littleton  
5PM—8PM



### 4 A PARIS STREET MARKET

Aspen Grove  
8AM—2PM



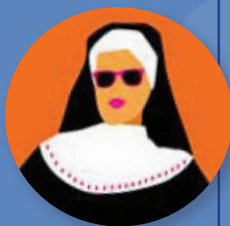
### 15 MEET GREET & EAT

Promise Park  
4PM—6PM



### may 17- june 16 SISTER ACT

Town Hall  
Arts Center  
7:30PM



### 27 MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY

WWII Memorial  
Ketrang Park  
10AM



## JUNE

### 1 A PARIS STREET MARKET

Aspen Grove  
8AM—2PM



### 1 LITTLE JAM - THE PETTY NICKS EXPERIENCE

Bega Park  
6:30PM—9:30PM



### 7 FIRST FRIDAYS ART & WINE WALK

Downtown Littleton  
5PM—8PM



### 8 BLOCK PARTY

Littleton Main Street  
6PM—11PM



### 12, 19, 26 FARMERS MARKET

Aspen Grove  
10AM—2PM



### 12, 19, 26 WEDNESDAY EVENING CONCERTS

Littleton Museum  
7PM

### 15 PARADE & FIRE MUSTER

**Parade**  
Littleton Main Street  
9AM

**Fire Muster**  
Arapahoe  
Community College  
9AM—1PM



### 26 MEET GREET & EAT

Writer's Vista Park  
4PM—6PM



## Keeping Ketring Lake Healthy

Ketring Lake is a popular place for walking, fishing and viewing wildlife. Ducks and geese are common on the lake and throughout Ketring Park. Unfortunately, the abundance of wildlife contributes to algae buildup in the lake. To keep the lake healthy, South Suburban Parks and Recreation District's (SSPRD) Forestry and Natural Open Space staff pumps water from the lake into the adjacent wetlands and uses a unique, natural filter called bulrush to assist in removing phosphates and other unwanted toxins. Bulrush is a tall rush like water plant, often called cattail.

The cattails purify and provide clean water that flows back into Ketring Lake.

Once a year, SSPRD's crews remove bulrush to allow for regrowth of a fresh, new filter. During five days in February, crews removed enough bulrush to fill seven dump trucks!

## Prepare for Flood Season

In Littleton, the typical flood season is from mid-April to mid-September, due to spring rains or summer high intensity thunderstorms. Flash flooding from very heavy rain can cause rapid runoff in just a few minutes. It often causes flooding in streets and low lying areas. The numerous small streams in Littleton, such as Little's Creek, Lee Gulch, and Slaughterhouse Gulch, are subject to this common type of flooding. At roadway crossings of these creeks, the road surface could flood. Never attempt to cross a flooded road, or walk or bike across a flooded trail.

One way to mitigate the impact of a flood is to have flood insurance. Premiums can vary depending on the risk at a particular property. Littleton participates in the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) National Flood Insurance Program, which makes flood insurance available to any property in the city limits. Flood insurance is recommended even if a property or house is not located within a mapped floodplain. Properties located in a FEMA floodplain with a federally-backed mortgage are required to carry flood insurance. Littleton also participates in the Community Rating System program which provides discounted flood insurance premiums for residents.

Information about whether a property is located in a floodplain or has other flood risk, is available from the Public Works Department/Engineering staff. Call 303-795-3865 to talk to the floodplain administrator. The city website also contains a number of resources and information regarding floods.

## The Long Memory of the Law

Have you been a victim of a burglary; losing precious items with memories attached that can never be replaced? A Littleton man found himself in this situation on February 22, 1985, nearly 34 years ago. Several items were stolen from his home, including a Marlin lever-action rifle. Thankfully, the serial number was known and entered into a criminal database that is still used today by law enforcement in an effort to identify and recover stolen goods.

On January 3, 2019 Littleton Police received notification that a stolen gun had been located at a pawn shop in Grand Junction, Colorado. It was none other than the stolen Marlin lever-action rifle from the burglary in 1985. The original owner of the rifle was contacted, and was elated to hear his gun would be returned to him at long last.

Through the thorough investigation over 30 years ago, the diligent record keeping on the part of the owner, and a continued effort between law enforcement agencies, a piece of treasured, personal memorabilia was recovered and returned to its home. Littleton Police remind residents to make note of serial numbers and be mindful to always lock personal property.



## Upgrades Coming to Progress Park

Phase 1 of the Progress Park Master Plan is now underway! This summer, visitors will experience brand new amenities including a new restroom, shelter and an improved and expanded playground.

The nature-themed playground will have separate play structures for 2-5 year olds and 5-12 year olds; and will include swings, a climbing structure, slide and saddle spinners. The playground surface will be a combination of rubber and engineered wood chips. Early work includes the removal of some old Cottonwood trees and the existing restroom and shelter. Progress Park is located just east of Cornerstone Park and south of West Bellevue Avenue at 5100 South Hickory Street.

## Littleton Open Space Task Force

Littleton owns over 1,400 acres of open space and parks and nearly 200 miles of trails, including the gems that are South Platte Park and the Mary Carter Greenway. Littleton tackles the management of these vast assets in partnership with the South Suburban Parks and Recreation District (SSPRD).

Each year Littleton receives approximately \$1.2 million in revenue from the Arapahoe

County Open Space tax as well as \$90,000 from Jefferson County's Open Space tax. These funds are the primary sources of revenue for maintaining, improving, and acquiring new open space and recreational amenities. The city also has \$2.7 million in reserves for open space. Under the ballot initiatives approved by voters, only 20% of these funds can be used for maintenance and management. A great deal of the management and maintenance of parks in Littleton is funded through SSPRD taxes.

In 2016 Littleton adopted an Open Space and Recreation Master Plan. Based on community input, this plan outlines the priorities for maintaining, building new, and providing recreation services within the community. In 2012, the city commissioned an Open Space Task Force to look at potential future land acquisitions and how to prioritize spending to attain the greatest value for the community. A lot has changed in Littleton since 2012 and in response city council has appointed a new Open Space Task Force to review and update the 2012 report and to provide guidance on spending priorities over the next five years.

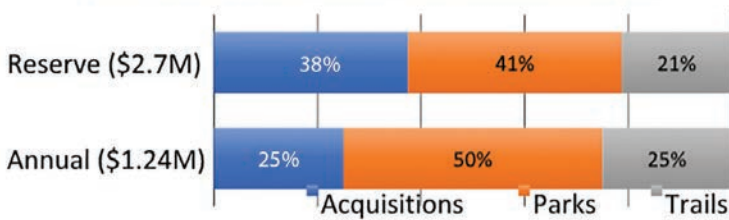
The task force reviewed a host of planning documents that contribute to understanding how projects and programs can best fit together in making Littleton an open space destination. The reports included the South Platte River Corridor Vision, SSPRD Master Plan, Arapahoe County Bike and Pedestrian Plan, High Line Canal Master Plan, and the South Platte Connections Study.

In early March the Task Force briefed council on its findings and recommendations. The recommendations include:

- Spending should reflect a balanced approach to purchasing land, maintaining and renewing park infrastructure such as playgrounds, and improving and maintaining trails.
- The city should seek financial partners for projects to enhance opportunities.
- Connectivity between trails, parks, and the city as a whole is essential to serving the community.
- The task force recommended spending the current reserve and future allocations to reflect community values in the Open Space and Recreation Master Plan.

The city council, through the Open Space Task Force, is continuing to craft a vision for inclusive and well-maintained open space and recreational opportunities ensuring quality today and preservation for future generations. Citizens interested in open space, recreation, and trails can get involved by contacting SSPRD for volunteer opportunities.

Task Force Allocation Recommendations



## Littleton Receives Domino's "Paving for Pizza" Grant



Domino's promised to save carryout pizza, one pothole at a time, and it is doing just that in Littleton. Thanks to a number of nominations from residents, Littleton was selected as a "Paving for Pizza" \$5,000 grant recipient.

The City of Littleton will throw a Pothole Paving Palooza April 23 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the 7400 block of South Houston Waring Circle, during which the grant will be used to pave potholes. Littleton citizens are welcome to attend as there will be free pizza, giveaways and surprises.

"Cracks, bumps and potholes can easily ruin a good carryout pizza, and nobody wants that," said Mike Rea, who owns the Littleton Domino's location. "We're thrilled that Littleton was selected as

a grant recipient to help smooth the ride home for our carryout customers."

Domino's launched its "Paving for Pizza" program in June of 2018, asking customers to nominate their town for a grant to repair potholes. Customers submitted so many nominations that Domino's decided to expand the program to pave one community in each state. Since the program launched, Domino's has received more than 194,000 unique nominations from 17,198 different zip codes in all 50 states.

"The 'Paving for Pizza' program is a great additional opportunity to help make improvements to our roads and we are thrilled to be selected by Domino's," said Mayor Debbie Brinkman.



# BEYOND BOOKS...

## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT BEMIS LIBRARY?

Bemis Public Library | 6014 S. Datura Street | Littleton, CO 80120 | 303-795-3961 | Web Catalog: [bemis.marmot.org](http://bemis.marmot.org)

### One Book Colorado



One Book Colorado is a statewide effort to provide every four-year-old in Colorado with a copy of the same book, helping to instill a love of reading in youngsters. To establish school readiness, it is critical that preschoolers

have frequent and routine access to books and that they be read to consistently. Stop by the Children's Room and request a copy anytime from **April 8-22** when new books will be distributed by Bemis to every four-year-old.

### Fourth Annual Six Word Story Contest

Ernest Hemingway wrote a famous six word story: "For Sale: baby shoes, never worn." Now it's your turn! Enter the fourth annual Six Word Story Contest **April 1-21** and win a cash prize. Nine cash prizes will be given out to winners in three age categories: adult (age 19+), teen (age 12-18) and children (age 6-11). Fifty dollars will be awarded to the first place winner in each age category, \$30 to the second place winner and \$20 to the third place winner. Awards will be announced at the library on Monday, April 29. Enter at Bemis or online at [bemis.marmot.org](http://bemis.marmot.org).



### CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

#### Ready, Set, BUILD Lego Club\*

**April 6 & May 4, 3 p.m.** For kids in grades K-5

#### Paws to Read\*

**April 13 & May 11, 10 a.m.-noon.**

Kids in grades K-5 can read to a furry friend.

#### Animal Adventures with Safari Sally

**April 14, 3-4 p.m.**

Safari Sally has been a zookeeper, animal trainer, educator, animal care specialist and naturalist. This educational and exciting program gives kids a chance to meet live animals up close and personal. For families with kids ages three and older.



#### Drop-In & Build—April 26, 2-4 p.m.

Stop by the Children's Room for an open build session. Create and construct with materials from Legos to Lincoln logs. For families with kids 5<sup>th</sup> grade and younger.

#### Nature Art—April 29, 1 p.m.

Celebrate Earth Day and Arbor Day at the library with an art project inspired by nature. For all ages.

#### Drop-in Crafts—May 9, 10-11 a.m.

Stop by the Children's Room between 10-11 a.m. to create crafty creations.

#### Everybody Stamp Your Feet—May 13, 10 a.m.

Dancing fun followed by fun foot print art. For families with kids ages six and under.

#### Eric Carle's Very Hungry Caterpillar—May 15, 10 a.m.



Bring your babies and toddlers to hear Eric Carle's classic book. Afterwards, we'll create an art project inspired by the tale. For ages 1-3 with a caregiver.



#### A Universe of Stories—Summer Reading 2019

Beginning May 28, infants through children entering 5<sup>th</sup> grade may pick up a Reading Record to track summer reading progress and collect prizes along the way... including a free book to keep.

### TEEN PROGRAMS

#### Board Game Night

**April 12 & May 10  
5-7:30 p.m.**

Play board games and enjoy snacks in the library after-hours. Participants must arrange for a ride home at 7:30 p.m.



#### Teen Advisory Group (TAG)

**April 27 & May 25, 12-1:30 p.m.**

Enjoy fun and games and earn community service credit by helping make the library better.

### GENERAL PROGRAMS

#### Musical Performance: Skean Dubh—April 6, 2 p.m.

Hear Neo-traditional acoustic Celtic music featuring uilleann pipes, harp, guitar and bodhra.

#### Senior Resource Fair—April 13, 9 a.m.-noon

Join the Aging Well Resource Center (AWRC) for its second annual Senior Resource Fair. Find information on house shares, home repair services for seniors, healthcare, mobility services and more. This free event will offer a wealth of resources.

#### Climate with Active Minds—April 15, 2 p.m.

Scientists are predicting a global average temperature increase of 2.5 to 10 degrees over the next century. Likely impacts include more droughts and heatwaves as well as stronger and more frequent hurricanes. Sea levels are predicted to rise 1-4 feet by the year 2100, submerging vast areas of land. Join Active Minds to examine the predictions and the politics given the U.S. withdrawal from the Paris Climate Accord.

#### Hollywood: Her Story—Tuesday, April 23, 7 p.m.

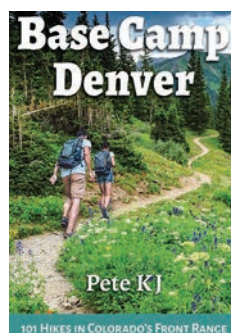
Author Jean Tietjen will discuss her latest book, *Hollywood: Her Story, An Illustrated History of Women and the Movies*. From the first female director in 1896 to present day, Tietjen's program pays tribute to the spirit, ambition, grit and talent of these female filmmakers and artists.

#### Movie: Bohemian Rhapsody—April 27, 2-4 p.m.

#### Preparing to Hike the Front Range

**April 30, 7 p.m.**

Join veteran hiker and author Pete KJ for an overview of local hikes. Using abundant photographs, Pete will present geography, flora and fauna plus discuss the clothing, equipment and safety considerations needed to enjoy hiking to its fullest. He will also speak on hiking strategies such as pacing, timing and seasons.



#### Musical Performance: Smithtonians—May 4, 2 p.m.

Hear one of Littleton's favorite musical groups, the *Smithtonians* handbell ensemble. This special performance will honor retiring longtime director Lisa Lewis with the director's favorite pieces.

#### Parenting: From Pregnancy to Adolescence

**May 7, 6-8 p.m.**

Learn how to cope with the stressors of pregnancy, deal with challenging behavior and talk to adolescents about any tough topic. This program is designed for adults, teachers, law enforcement and youth-serving professionals.

#### Musical Performance: The Kilted Man

**May 11, 2 p.m.**

Enjoy the musical stylings of Matthew Gurnsey, also known as The Kilted Man, as he performs traditional Irish and Scottish music.

#### Lost Department Stores of Denver

**May 14, 7 p.m.**

Author and Denver native Mark Barnhouse has written six history books on Denver. Learn about his latest book, *Lost Department Stores of Denver*. Through decades of research and interviews with former staff, Barnhouse assembles the ultimate mosaic of the Mile High City's fabulous retail past.

#### Community Garden Planting Party

**May 18, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.**



Help dig in and plant a community container garden at the library. All ages are welcome. Certified Master Gardeners with the Arapahoe County Cooperative Extension Office will be on hand to help out, answer questions and spark interest in growing food.

#### Adult Crafts at the Library

#### Upcycled Garden Art\*

**May 19, 2-4 p.m.**

Make decorations from old stuff to ensure a unique garden design. The library will provide supplies.



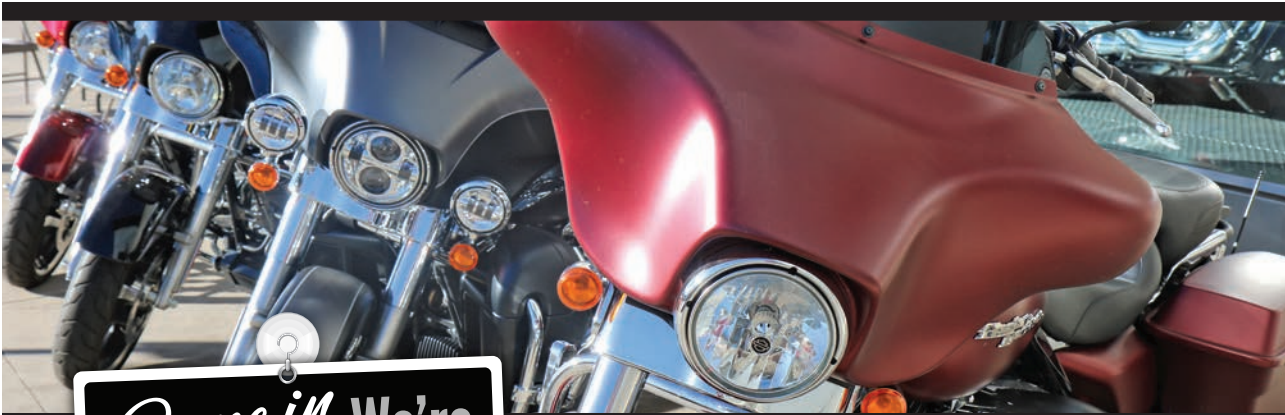
#### Railroads with Active Minds—May 20, 2 p.m.

This May marks the 150-year anniversary of the "Golden Spike" that completed the construction of the first Transcontinental Railroad. Join Active Minds to review the rich history of railroads in the United States. Explore the role they played in building a young country as well as the industry titans that emerged to build and control them. The story will be brought all the way up to the present, discussing current freight and passenger train issues and opportunities. All aboard!

#### Movie: First Man—May 25, 2-4 p.m.

\*Registration required. To register for an event, call the library at 303-795-3961.





## COMMUNITY BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT



### RE/MAX SYNERGY

The newly remodeled RE/MAX SYNERGY office has opened at 1789 West Littleton Boulevard. The new building designed by Littleton Design Studio Architects, is located on the corner of Littleton Boulevard and Crocker next to long-time Littleton business Woodlawn Floral.

RE/MAX SYNERGY is a family-owned, full service real estate office serving the Littleton community with both residential and commercial real estate needs. "This team of agents is committed to the best in customer service and stays on top of the latest technology making sure their clients get the best of everything in our industry," says Owner Zoe Macaulay. Once a client walks through the door, the team strives to assist them with whatever they are looking for. RE/MAX SYNERGY partners with Diamond Mortgage in-house, and that allows their team to tailor specific loan programs to meet client's needs including down payment assistance and rehab loans. RE/MAX SYNERGY agents all share the same commitment of serving the community through numerous volunteer activities including supporting local schools, enriching the senior community and supporting local events. For more information call 720-242-7578.

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### Rocky Mountain Harley-Davidson

Rocky Mountain Harley-Davidson is celebrating its 40th year in business. It is a family-owned small business located at 2885 West County Line Road. It began in 1979 at 2970 West Bowles Avenue. After making an 18-year detour to Englewood on South Broadway, Rocky Mountain Harley-Davidson made its way back to Littleton in April 2000.

Over the past 40 years the company has seen immense changes in the motorcycle industry, in particular with Harley-Davidson. The company was bought back from AMF corporation, and then there were many innovations in engineering, beginning with the evolution engine, the liquid cooled v-rod, the twin cam and most recently the Rushmore liquid cooled, and Milwaukee eight. Rocky Mountain, along with Harley-Davidson enthusiasts around the world, are looking forward to the next innovations from Harley including the Electric Live Wire and Dual Sport Panamerican coming out this fall.

While the average age for Harley-Davidson owners is reaching the half-century mark, the push for more riders is the number one priority for not just Harley-Davidson but the entire motorcycling community.

Rocky Mountain Harley-Davidson is not only a full line Harley-Davidson dealership offering new and used motorcycles for sale, but also has parts and accessories, apparel and a service department that boasts over 150 years of combined service experience. It also has a motorcycle riding academy that teaches people to ride. For more information call 303-703-2885 or visit [rockymountainhd.com](http://rockymountainhd.com).

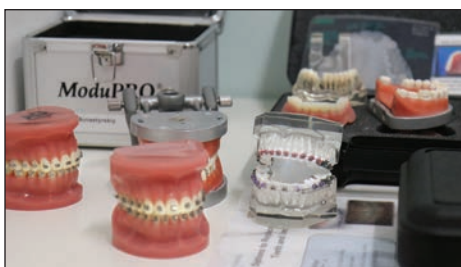


### International Ballet School

The International Ballet School is a hidden gem located at 8000 South Lincoln Street. The school focuses on an international level of training with the goal of enabling students to dance anywhere in the world. Olivia Daughtry is 15-years old and has been training with the International Ballet School for two years. She recently returned from an international competition in Switzerland. Daughtry attends school in Colorado Springs for half the day on weekdays, but is committed to traveling to Littleton to practice for five hours, seven days a week. "The goal is to get into a company and to get paid to do what I love," said Daughtry.

Many of the students from the International Ballet School have been awarded full scholarships abroad including places such as Moscow, Zurich, Portugal and Canada. Isaac Mueller is 17 and has been studying ballet at the school for over three years. He recently returned from New York where he spent two weeks at a ballet camp and then received a full scholarship to study ballet at a school in Moscow. "There is something that is so inspiring about performing, it just takes over," said Mueller.

The school hosts classes for beginner ballerinas as well as extended programs for intermediate and advanced students. Additionally, the school performs twice yearly at the Gates Concert Hall every June and December. For more information call 303-229-3757 or go to <https://bit.ly/2GPfDBT>.



### Dentists of Littleton

Dr. Yevgeniy Monastyrskiy and the entire team at the Dentists of Littleton are dedicated to making the dental experience one that exceeds all expectations. Their philosophy is to offer patients advanced dentistry in a relaxed and caring atmosphere. From general dentistry, orthodontics, oral surgery, endodontics or periodontics, their team is committed to total dental health. The new facility is state of the art including CEREC single-visit crowns, digital x-rays, digital records, oral DNA screening, professional teeth whitening and implants. The Dentist's of Littleton team prides themselves on working to make dental treatment affordable and accepts most insurance plans.

Call 720-442-8740 or visit [DentistsofLittleton.com](http://DentistsofLittleton.com) to book an appointment online.